

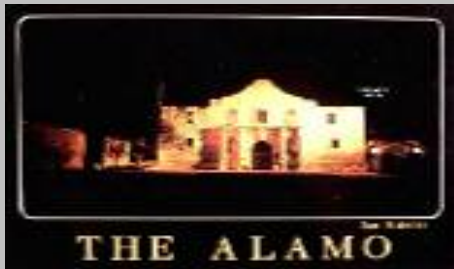
# Youth Initiative Program

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*Network Providers Newsletter*

## MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2004, at the Alamo Conference Center.



The Alamo is located at 820 N. Raynor, El Paso, Texas. Please Make plans to attend. For more Information, call (915) 298-9604.

## YIP "Walk Through History"

The Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> YIP meeting will be a walk through history with "James Harrison White", Chief of El Paso Police in 1901. EPCC Professor Leon Blevins will educate and entertain with a fascinating look into El Paso's past. Classes are invited.



Mr. Leon Blevins as James White

## Officer Jaime Esparza Honored At City Council, Awarded Two Medals



Photo Courtesy of El Paso Times  
El Paso Police Officer Jaime Esparza wore the EPFD Medal of Valor around his neck after El Paso Fire Chief Roberto Rivera, center, presented it during City Council session. Police Chief Wiles awarded him the El Paso Police Medal of Honor.

El Paso Police Officer Jaime Esparza who is credited with helping (9) nine occupants escape from a wrecked and burning recreational vehicle was honored by the El Paso Fire Department on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. Fire Chief Roberto Rivera presented the 11 ½ month veteran, Esparza, with the Medal of Valor for his actions in the early morning hours of Monday, August 9, 2004. Officer Esparza was caught on tape by a local news reporter pulling an elderly female out of the passenger side of the RV as it became engulfed in flames. Unfortunately the 19-year-old male operator of the compact car died in the collision.

This will be the second time that Chief Rivera has presented an individual with this award since he took office two years ago. According to Fire officials, although this incident claimed the life of one person, Officer Esparza is credited with saving the lives of nine. In addition, Police Chief Richard Wiles presented Officer Esparza with the Police Department's Medal of Honor for his heroic actions and conduct during this extremely dangerous incident. Officer Jaime Esparza was named "Chevy Trucks' Lone Star Hero for the week of August 16, 2004. All survivors have returned to their homes in California.



## 9/11 Hero Celebration

*"Turning a devastating national experience into a positive Hero remembrance"*

September 11, 2004, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. "9/11 HERO CELEBRATION" El Paso Specialty Hospital, 1755 Curie (off Murchison). Hero Ceremonies, Health Fair, Activities for Children, Free Hot Dogs, Entertainment. For more info: Suzanne Michaels 588-0082.

## LET US NEVER FORGET, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001!

On Saturday, September 11th, please join City Representative John Cook, United Blood Services, the US Army, US Border Patrol, US Customs and Border Protection, El Paso Police, El Paso Sheriff's Office, and El Paso Firefighters in honoring our heroes. Activities begin at 9:45 a.m. with patriotic music from the Ft. Bliss 62nd Army Band. A half-hour ceremony follows with high-ranking speakers from every participating agency. Then, parents and children are invited to enjoy Hero Musical Entertainment, Hero Hot Dogs, Hero Health Fair, and Interactive Hero Static Displays both outside and inside El Paso Specialty Hospital. United Blood Services will also be conducting a blood drive. Awards Ceremony begins at noon. Activities continue until 3 p.m.

## Victim Services 6th Annual Conference to be held in Austin

**September 14-17, 2004, Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas**

Who should attend: Victim service providers and advocates in nonprofit groups, law enforcement, prosecution, corrections, and juvenile justice agencies, and allied professionals who assist victims of crime.

What is offered: A wide range of advanced level workshops presented by top-notch speakers. Exposure to experienced victim service providers who enjoy sharing ideas with their colleagues and peers. Focus on initiatives that keep quality victim service providers "In It for the Long Haul" and allow them to prosper and grow in their chosen field. Opportunity to earn continuing education units and required ethics hours.

*For information: Call (512)775-4534 or e-mail [info@txvsa.org](mailto:info@txvsa.org).*

## Road to Recovery 8K Race

Recovery Alliance of El Paso is holding their first annual competitive race on September 11, 2004. The run and non-competitive walk/run will feature trophies and medallions in many different race categories. The R2R will be a 5-mile round trip, Althea Park to Scenic Drive. There are sponsorships available for businesses. The first 200 entrants will receive a free t-shirt. Registration forms are available at the Alliance office or you can register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Contact: Rosa, Mary, Jesse, or Ben at 594-7000.

## Moving Forward With Avance

You are invited to a presentation and tour to see how AVANCE is helping young families break the cycle of poverty through early childhood development, parenting, and adult literacy in El Paso County. All tours are from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Contact Chandra Almony at 351-2419 if you have questions or if you would like to sign up: Burleson Elementary School, Tuesday September 14, 2004; Lamar Elementary School, Wednesday, September 22, 2004.

## Human Trafficking: Working To End Modern Day Slavery

**September 15-16, 2004  
El Camino Real Hotel, El Paso, Texas**

Who should attend: Police Officers, medical providers, Border Patrol Agents, mental health providers, CBP Officers, faith-based service providers, DHS Agents, Shelter Staff, City and County Government Workers, prosecutors, FBI Agents, and Dept. of Labor Investigators.

What is offered: tools for an effective response concerning what to do if someone is trafficked or enslaved, role of law enforcement, services. Free registration; deadline is September 10, 2004. Contact: Corina Preciado, USAO Victim/Witness Coordinator at (915) 534-3450.

## Confronting Domestic Violence in Military & Civilian Communities

**September 29-30 (Wed.-Thurs.), 2004  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Centennial NCO Club (Bigg's Field/Fort Bliss), 11199 Sgt. E. Churchill St.**

Who should attend: Social workers, counselors, military personnel, attorneys, law enforcement, educators and medical professionals.

What is offered: dynamics of family violence, empowering victims, protective orders, immigration issues, the link between child abuse and domestic violence, crime victim compensation, family violence in the military, and resource information. Offered free by the Domestic Violence Prevention Commission and Fort Bliss Family Advocacy Program. Open to the public. To register call 543-3880.



## Environmental Teenage Ninjas

"Ninjas" are working to rescue desert plants and use them to make El Paso beautiful. Here's how you can get "ninjas" to beautify your area: Look around your neighborhood for places that would benefit from a garden. Talk to your Youth Group Leader. Call Project Bravo at (915) 562-4100, ask for David Morales or the Youth Dept.



## Crisis Prevention: Protecting Texas' Schools

**September 21, 2004 (Tuesday)  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Regional 19 Education Service Center  
(Horizon Room), 6611 Boeing Drive**

Who should attend: Principals, school administrators, superintendents, teachers and staff. Law enforcement and emergency response personnel working in or with Texas schools are also invited.

What is offered: Current information concerning various types of crises and threats with a focus on school safety, antiterrorism and tactical response, and crisis management. There is no registration fee for the course and no charge for TCLEOSE credit. Register online at [www.esc19.net](http://www.esc19.net) and click on Click & Learn. For registration assistance please call (915) 780-5301.



## 3rd NATIONAL HISPANIC LATINO CONFERENCE ON TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL

"Tobacco Prevention: Reducing the Impact of Chronic Diseases" will be held on September 23-24, 2004 at the Sheraton Old Town Inn, Albuquerque, N.M. Contact Zuzanne M. Bristow, Program Director, Tobacco Free El Paso, Center for Border Health. The Early Bird Registration date for Latino Council's National Conference in Albuquerque on Sept 23 & 24 has been extended to Sept 3, 2004. Register now at [www.nlcatp.org](http://www.nlcatp.org) for only \$150 including pre-conference trainings. View the agenda at [www.nlcatp.org](http://www.nlcatp.org) or e-mail [http://www.nlcatp.org/events/event\\_nationalconference.cfm](mailto:http://www.nlcatp.org/events/event_nationalconference.cfm).



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bi-National "Red Ribbon" Rally

The primary goal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bi-National "Red Ribbon" Rally is to kick off a regional alcohol and drug-free awareness campaign with a Red Ribbon Rally. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2004 at 9:00. The festivities will open with US and Mexican youth followed by a procession/parade of all participants through the Chamizal to Bowie High School.

They especially encourage youth groups, school bands, cheerleaders, ROTC groups, dance troupes, etc. to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call , Red Ribbon Committee Members or Margie Hammond, RGSCC Office Coordinator at 775-2555.

### Western Refining Annual Fair

Western Refining 2004 Community Health Fair & Open House will be held on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 6500 Trowbridge Dr. Agencies wishing to participate may contact Pat Wood or Katharine Gibbs at 775-3422 or 775-3444.

### No Family Left Behind

The Regional Parent Engagement Conference 2004, which addresses core values for healthy families, will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at UTEP, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 per person. For information contact Darlene Bruce at 780-5349.

### "Connections" Gets Grant

Carolyn Esparza, Director of Community SOLUTIONS, announced that they received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to establish Connections, a mentoring program specifically to support children of prisoners in our community. They will need meeting spaces throughout the community. If you have space or know of locations that would mutually benefit from access to this mentoring support program, please contact Carolyn at (915) 203-2500.

### Northeast Business Alliance

The Northeast Business Alliance meets at 7:30 a.m. every third Thursday of the month at the Northgate Optimist Club, 4201 Skyline. The next meeting is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to attend discussions of area concerns and business opportunities. For questions, please call Tony at (915) 755-4321.

### UTEP's 12<sup>th</sup> "Take Back The Night"

UTEP's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Take Back the Night Rally to promote community awareness of violence and to say "no" to violence will take place September 15, 2004, 6:30 p.m. on the UTEP campus, Dinner Theatre lawn. There will be guest speakers, community health and violence awareness information booths, and a candlelight vigil. The Clothesline Project t-shirts will be on display September 15, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Information: UTEP Women's Resource Center at 747-5291; e-mail: wrc@utep.edu.



### American Legion Law Enforcement Post #74 Donates to CEPSCO



### Nell Tovar accepting a donation for CEPSCO from American Legion Post #74 Commander Glenn Scott

American Legion Law Enforcement Post #74 gave a donation to Central El Paso Community Organization to help pay for school supplies, haircuts, and other necessities for the more than 30 youth that CEPSCO serves year round....Vets Helping Kids. American Legion contact: John McKinney, Post Adjutant, (915) 598-4348.



### EPD Law Enforcement Explorer Post #2019 at the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference in Atlanta

Pictured (kneeling) Ian Adkins; (front row, left-o right) Albert Lujan, Meg Egger, Officer Vince Macias, Crystal Davila and Eddie Ramirez; (back row) Mike Bejarano, Abraham Rivera, Daniel Hernandez, and Alex Esparza.

### Explorers Win Awards

El Paso Police Department Explorers from Pebble Hills RCC and Mission Valley RCC won several national awards at the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 19-23, 2004. More than 500 other exploring teams in the nation participated in competitive team events such as Bomb Threat Response, Arrest & Search, Crime Scene, Accident Investigations, Traffic Stops and Domestic Crisis Intervention.

The Pebble Hills Explorers Post 2019, led by Post Advisor Vince Macias, ranked **2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation in Hostage Negotiations** and **6<sup>th</sup> in the Nation in White Collar Criminal Investigations**. In 2002, they were nationally recognized and ranked **6<sup>th</sup> in the Nation in Traffic Stops** and the **President's Top Twenty in the 9mm Firearms Competition** at the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Mission Valley Explorers Post 2002, with Senior Advisor Officer Maria Corona, placed **3<sup>rd</sup> in Crime Prevention**. Judges of the competition stated that MVRCC Explorers were "professional and well informed" and that "El Paso must have a very active crime prevention program".

*If you are between ages 14-21 and are interested in the Explorers, contact the Regional Command in your area.*

## Multi-Agency Referral System (MARS) School Schedule, 2004-2005.

EL PASO ISD

<b>Andress High</b> Library Conference Room	Mon. @ 1:30 p.m.	8/30, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2	Deborah Lunow	832-8600/ 757-6443
<b>Austin High</b> Cafeteria Lounge	Tue. @ 9:00 a.m.	9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10	Robert Teran	587-2506/566-7360
<b>Bowie High</b> Library	Fri. @ 10:00 a.m.	8/27, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10 1/16, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13	Linda Romero	496-8200/532-1918
<b>Burges High</b> Conference	Wed. @ 10 a.m.	9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15 1/19, 2/15, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18	Rachel Olguin	780-1100/771-6914
<b>Chapin High</b> Library Rm 151	Mon. @ 8:45 a.m.	9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9	Barbara Augustine	832-6730/565-9716
<b>Coronado High</b> Library	Mon. @ 10: a.m.	9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13 1/10, 2/14, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11	Gina Villalva	834-2476/587-6458
<b>El Paso High</b> Counseling Center	Wed. @ 10:00 a.m.	9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8 1/12, 2/9, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12	Pat Smelser	496-8300/532-2008
<b>Franklin High</b> Cafeteria Lounge	Wed. @ 10 a.m.	9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15 1/19, 2/15, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18	Rita Aguillera	832-6600/587-4094
<b>Irvin High</b> Cafeteria Lounge	Fri. @ 9:00 a.m.	9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 2/15 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6	John Marestein	587-3500/757-6450
<b>Jefferson High</b> Room 231	Fri. @ 10:30 a.m.	9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6	Aurora Martinez	496-8010/532-2033

YSLETA ISD

<b>Bel Air High</b> Counselor's Rm.	Thur. @ 8:00 a.m.	9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16 1/20, 2/17, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19	Terry Randall	434-2042/434-2174
<b>Del Valle High</b> Library	Thur. @ 9:00 a.m.	9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5	Martha Campos	434-3180/858-1427
<b>Eastwood High</b> Room 209	Wed. @ 1:00 p.m.	9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/15 1/26, 2/23, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25	Rita Montoya	434-4291/598-8014
<b>Hanks High</b> Teachers' Conference Rm.	Tue. @ 9:00 a.m.	9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14 1/18, 2/15, 3/22, 4/19, 5/18	Brenda Trejo	434-5188/598-4621
<b>Parkland High</b> Asst. Principal's Conference	Tue. @ 9:00 a.m.	9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7 1/11, 2/1, 3/1, 4/4, 5/2	Margarita Hernandez	434-6048/434-6291
<b>Riverside High</b> Library	Tue. @ 10:30 a.m.	9/4, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10	Ofelia Gonzalez	434-7018/779-6983
<b>Ysleta High</b> Room 120	Wed. @ 8:30 a.m.	9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4	Liz Hernandez	434-8020/434-8026

SOCORRO ISD

<b>Americas/Montwood High</b> Counselor's Conference Rm.	Wed. @ 2:00 p.m.	8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4	Betsabe Dobbine	937-2840/855-6898
<b>Socorro High</b> Library Classroom	Thur. @ 1:00 p.m.	9/2, 10/7, 11/14, 12/2 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5	Arlene Lira	937-2000/859-0206



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